

Introduced by Senator Chesbro

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An act relating to developmental disabilities.

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SB 1270, as introduced, Chesbro. Developmental services: service methods: study.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, administration and oversight of the state developmental centers and programs relating to persons with developmental disabilities.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with stakeholders, to explore mechanisms for developing and expanding specified methods of providing services to consumers of services for persons with developmental disabilities, and to submit recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by an unspecified date.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) It is the intent of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities
- 4 Services Act, Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of
- 5 the Welfare and Institutions Code, to provide persons with
- 6 developmental disabilities the services and supports they require

1 to “approximate the pattern of everyday living available to
2 persons without disabilities of the same age.”

3 (b) The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act
4 confers upon persons with developmental disabilities “a right to
5 social interaction and participation in community activities” and
6 “a right to make choices in their own lives, including, but not
7 limited to, where and with whom they live, their relationships
8 with people in their community, the way they spend their time,
9 including education, employment, and leisure, the pursuit of their
10 personal future, and program planning and implementation.”

11 (c) The majority of adult regional center consumers participate
12 in traditionally structured habilitation, work activity, and
13 supported work programs.

14 (d) Traditionally structured habilitation, work activity, and
15 supported work programs may not provide the flexibility,
16 community integration, and activities or training that meet the
17 needs of some regional center consumers.

18 SEC. 2. It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to seek to
19 improve options and choices of developmental service consumers
20 in determining their daily activities, and, through the State
21 Department of Developmental Disabilities, in consultation with
22 regional centers, area boards, and other system stakeholders, to
23 explore mechanisms for developing and expanding the methods
24 of providing services identified in this act.

25 SEC. 3. The State Department of Developmental Disabilities
26 shall, in consultation with regional centers, area boards, and other
27 system stakeholders, study mechanisms for developing and
28 expanding all of the following:

29 (a) Nontraditional community-based models that provide
30 consumers with an array of community-based options, including,
31 but not limited to, participation in integrated educational, social,
32 civic, volunteer, or recreational activities.

33 (b) Nontraditional community-based work activities,
34 including, but not limited to, customized employment
35 development, integrated job training, and employer-provided job
36 coaching.

37 (c) Utilization of existing models, including, but not limited to,
38 self-directed services, vouchers, family teaching models, existing
39 habilitation programs, day programs, and supported vendors to

1 facilitate access to nontraditional community-based day
2 programming and work activities.

3 (d) Identification of statutory and regulatory barriers to
4 achieving the goals identified in this act.

5 SEC. 4. The State Department of Developmental Disabilities
6 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to this act
7 to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by ____.

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